

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
ANTHONY VALELA,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. 2:23-cr-00106-RSL  
  
ORDER GRANTING THIRD  
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO  
CONTINUE TRIAL AND  
PRETRIAL MOTIONS  
DEADLINE

This matter comes before the Court on defendant's "Third Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial and Pretrial Motions Due Date" (Dkt. # 65). Having considered the facts set forth in the motion, and defendant's knowing and voluntary waiver (Dkt. # 68), the Court finds as follows:

1. The Court adopts the facts set forth in the unopposed motion. In particular, that discovery and plea negotiations are ongoing. The Court accordingly finds that a failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel, and any potential future counsel, the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

2. The Court finds that a failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

3. The Court finds that the additional time requested between the current trial date of September 30, 2024, and the proposed trial date of April 14, 2025, is a reasonable period of

1 delay. The Court finds that this additional time is necessary to provide defense counsel  
2 reasonable time to prepare for trial, as defendant has requested more time to prepare for trial, to  
3 continue to investigate the matter, to gather evidence material to the defense, and to consider  
4 possible defenses. The additional time requested between the current trial date and the new trial  
5 date is necessary to provide counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary to prepare  
6 for trial, considering all of the facts set forth above.

7 4. The Court further finds that this continuance would serve the ends of justice, and  
8 that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedier trial,  
9 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

10 5. Defendant has signed a waiver indicating that he has been advised of his right to a  
11 speedy trial and that, after consulting with counsel, he has knowingly and voluntarily waived  
12 that right and consented to the continuation of his trial to a date up to and including May 31,  
13 2025 (Dkt. # 68), which will permit his trial to start on April 14, 2025.

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date shall be continued from September 30,  
15 2024 to April 14, 2025, and pretrial motions are to be filed no later than March 3, 2025;

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of time from the date of this Order, up to  
17 and including the new trial date, shall be excludable time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18  
18 U.S.C. § 3161, *et seq.* The period of delay attributable to this filing and granting of this motion  
19 is excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(1)(D), (h)(7)(A), and  
20 (h)(7)(B).

21 DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.  
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26 Robert S. Lasnik  
27 United States District Judge  
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